

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-24 (cancelled)

25. (currently amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO:24;[,] or its amide or ester; or a salt thereof.
26. (currently amended) The polypeptide, its amide or ester, or a salt thereof, according to claim 25, which [has] consists of the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO:6.
27. (previously amended) An isolated polypeptide or its amide or ester, or a salt thereof, which comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO:26.
28. (currently amended) The polypeptide or its amide or ester, or a salt thereof, according to claim 27, which [has] consists of the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO:12.
29. (previously amended) An isolated polypeptide or its amide or ester, or a salt thereof, which comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO:49.
30. (currently amended) The polypeptide or its amide or ester, or a salt thereof, according to claim 29, which [has] consists of the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO:47.
31. (previously amended) An isolated nucleic acid comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO:6, 12, 24, 26, 47 or 49.
32. (previously amended) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 31, wherein the

nucleic acid sequence is represented by SEQ ID NO:23.

33. (previously amended) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 31, wherein the nucleic acid sequence is represented by SEQ ID NO:4.
34. (previously amended) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 31, wherein the nucleic acid sequence is represented by SEQ ID NO:25.
35. (previously amended) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 31, wherein the nucleic acid sequence is the represented by SEQ ID NO:10.
36. (previously amended) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 31, wherein the nucleic acid sequence is represented by SEQ ID NO:48.
37. (previously amended) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 31, wherein the sequence is represented by SEQ ID NO:46.
38. (currently amended) A [pharmaceutical] composition comprising the polypeptide, its amide or ester, or a salt thereof, which comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO:6, 12, 24, 26, 47 or 49 and a pharmaceutical carrier.

Claims 39-40 (canceled).

41. (previously added) An isolated polypeptide wherein the polypeptide comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO. 6, 12, 24, 26, 47 and 49.
42. (previously added) A recombinant vector comprising the DNA according to claim 31.
43. (previously added) A transformant transformed with the recombinant vector according to claim 42.

44. (currently amended) A method for manufacturing the polypeptide or its amide or ester, or a salt thereof comprising the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO:6, 12, 24, 26, 47 or 49, [,] which comprises culturing a transformant transformed with the recombinant vector comprising a DNA having a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide, and producing the polypeptide.
45. (currently amended) A reagent for screening a compound or its salt that promotes or inhibits the activity of the polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO:6, 12, 24, 26, 47 or 49, wherein the reagent [which] comprises the polypeptide, its amide or ester, or a salt thereof[;].
46. (currently amended) A kit for screening a compound or its salt that promotes or inhibits the activity of the polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO:6,12,24,26,47 or 49, wherein the kit [which] comprises the polypeptide, its amide or ester, or a salt thereof.